

## SHINNSTON

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

SHINNSTON, May 27.—Miss Mildred L. Jarrett, who teaches at Bridgeport, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kincaid spent Sunday at Pine Grove, guests of Mr. Kincaid's brother.

E. M. Roberts was a business visitor in Fairmont recently.

Misses Willa Lowe and Jessie DeMotte were delightfully entertained at Sunday dinner by Mrs. Charles A. Short.

R. C. Richardson, a well known farmer of Cunningham's run, died Saturday night. Burial took place at 1:30 p. m. Monday at Wyatt.

R. L. Finlayson, R. S. Johnson, Dr. J. S. Maloy and others have returned from Parkersburg, where they attended the Knights Templar convocation and Shrine meeting.

The Junior-Senior banquet given in the Methodist Episcopal church basement was quite a success. The color scheme was red and white.

Mrs. Lee Bogges entertained the members of the Dorcas Sewing Club at her home at Lumberport recently.

Miss M. L. Brown, beauty specialist, of Boston, is at the Shinnston pharmacy this week.

Mrs. Isabelle Robinson and daughter, Miss Alice, were Fairmont visitors recently.

The annual banquet of the High school alumni association will be held the evening of June 6 in the Odd Fellows' building. This will undoubtedly be one of the most brilliant affairs of the commencement.

The parcel post sale given by the Aid Society of the Baptist church was a decided success, the proceeds nearing the \$150 mark. A program was rendered at the church, after which the ladies told how they made their quarter money. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Mrs. Walter Moore and Miss Virginia Richardson were shopping in Fairmont recently.

W. I. Booth was a Clarksburg visitor recently.

Mrs. John Findlayson entertained several friends at a 6 o'clock dinner a few evenings ago.

Miss Victoria Davis, of Lost Creek, has been a guest of Mrs. Cyrus Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Willis, of Fairmont, attended the funeral of George Gabbart.

Mrs. A. E. Miller is at Keyser to visit home folk and attend commencement exercises of the High school.

William Jackson, of Clarksburg, was here Sunday a guest of his uncle, George J. Ribble, Sr., and other relatives.

George W. Bock and family are home from Terra Alta for a few days.

Misses Essie and Jessie Hess are visiting their grandmother at Mannington.

Miss Mary Kennedy and Miss Enzie Coffman were shopping in Fairmont recently.

Miss Flora Robinson and Miss Besse Hess have been visiting Salem friends.

Miss Norabelle Cullom and Miss Virginia Robinson have returned from Plattsburg.

John Lowe has returned from the South, having spent the winter in Orlando, Fla.

Hugh Swiger, Charles F. Randall, Ernest L. Pigott and Benjamin Anderson, Jr., were in Charleston, recently.

Charles Hursey was a Clarksburg visitor recently.

Seymour Long is quite sick at his room on Main street.

Mrs. Frank Bock and little son, Purcell, were visiting in Clarksburg recently.

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## LITTLE PORTO RICAN COFFEE IS USED HERE

Although Foreign Markets Place It at the Top of the Price List.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The coffee raised in our island possession, Porto Rico, is in great demand abroad and the foreign market places it at the top of the price list of coffees from all over the world, according to experts at the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Porto Rican Experiment Station. However, the people of the United States have developed a taste for a different kind of coffee, and the preference of a great many people will have to be changed in order to obtain a larger market for Porto Rican coffee in this country. The cost of changing the acquired taste of the American seems too great to justify the attempt so long as such excellent prices are obtained elsewhere for the product.

During the past year, says the newly issued annual report of the Department's station in Porto Rico, the value of the exports of the coffee amounted to a great deal more than they ever have since the American occupation. Better cultivation and higher prices have enabled the coffee industry to show great progress, and planters are now following better practices in the selection of their seed for planting. The Department's station is introducing so-called "Java" and other coffees which are yielding better than native coffee and giving higher percentage of large and uniform grains. The coffee is grown for distribution to planters on the island and has been resulting in greater yields as well as in better prices for the planters.

Of the coffee exported during the past year, \$8,378,346 worth went to foreign countries, while only \$132,970 worth went to the United States. Although today there exists a benefit of tariff, the coffee is still following the old lines of trade established by tariff laws during the Spanish regime. It is a marked indication of the truth that trade established upon preference of taste for a certain product is a most difficult one to change. However, associations and individuals are still striving to extend the market and to gain even a higher reputation for the coffee of Porto Rico.

Grapefruit, a New Industry. The grapefruit industry which started from nothing ten years ago is now thriving in Porto Rico and promises good returns to the man with perseverance, industry and personal supervision. Porto Rico is safe from frosts that threaten the industry on the mainland and is at the open door of the best market in the world—New York and the eastern seaboard. The grapefruit industry represents the highest type of intensive farming, and is sure to increase to a much greater extent in Porto Rico as the trees which are already planted come into bearing.

The value of the exports of grapefruit last year (\$726,637) was exceeded by the exports of two other fresh fruit industries which have been established for a much greater period in the island. Oranges were exported to the value of \$740,010, and pineapples to the value of \$1,142,007. \$151,681 worth of canned pineapples was also exported.

Outlook for Coconuts. There is considerable planting of coconuts on Porto Rico and there are extensive areas yet where these trees may be profitably set out. A coconut grove, properly cared for, yields a sure and steady income. Better cultivation, the growing of vegetables among the trees, the utilization of seaweed and other manures, yield

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Robert Tier (top) and Peter Belanger.

No tale of the sea has ever been written which excels in horror the one told by the four survivors of the fifteen sailors who abandoned the S. S. Columbian when that vessel was burning off the coast of Nova Scotia May 8. Half dead and almost delirious, they were picked up on May 17 by the revenue cutter Seneca. One by one they had seen eleven of their shipmates first become stark, raving mad and then die of exposure and starvation. When the four survivors were picked up they were living of crumbs of hardtack and boot leather. Two of the survivors are Robert Tier and Peter Belanger.



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